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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 45419-pt	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/CA00/01096	International filing date (day/month/year) 21/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 22/09/1999	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C12N15/82			
Applicant NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA et al.			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:	
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report	
II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority	
III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	
IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention	
V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited	
VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application	
VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application	

Date of submission of the demand 20/04/2001	Date of completion of this report 14.12.2001
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International application No. PCT/CA00/01096

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*): **Description, pages:**

1-20 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-39 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/8-8/8 as originally filed

Sequence listing part of the description, pages:

1/5-5/5, as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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the description, pages:

the claims, Nos.:

the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-39
 No: Claims

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 3-6,12-15,21-24,31-34
 No: Claims 1,2,7-11,16-20,25-30,35-39

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-39
 No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

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The present report refers to the documents cited in the search report.

The document numbering (D1-D10) corresponds to their order of citation in the search report.

Section V (novelty and inventive step, Art. 33 PCT)

1. The present application achieves the creation of transgenic plants having a modified fatty acid profile and an increased salt tolerance. The plants recombinantly express an *E. coli* mutant gene encoding glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, called *gpsA2FR* herein. The mutant enzyme is less sensitive to feedback inhibition by the reaction product glycerol-3-phosphate (G-3-P) which leads to an increased enzymatic activity in transgenic plants.
2. Independent claims 19 and 29 relate to methods for the expression of heterologous glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (G-3-P dehydrogenase) in transgenic plants, as well as to the plants created, with the objective to modify fatty acid content or stress tolerance of said plants. The methods are characterized by the use of an enzyme that is "less sensitive to feedback inhibition".

Cited document D1 describes the cloning of a G-3-P dehydrogenase from *Cuphea lanceolata*. The use of this sequence for the heterologous expression in transgenic oil plants in order to modify lipid metabolism is suggested (see pages 12/13, claim 11). Cited document D2 characterizes different isoforms of G-3-P dehydrogenase from the alga *Dunaliella*. A so-called osmoregulator isoform is identified and suggested to be used for the improvement of osmoregulation with glycerol in transgenic plants (see page 249).

In the light of these documents the problem underlying said claims is the replacement of these enzymes by an alternative enzyme. The solution to choose an enzyme that is less sensitive to feedback inhibition can be regarded as obvious in the light of cited documents D5 and D6, that disclose G-3-P dehydrogenase from *E. coli* as well as its mutant isoform which is less sensitive to feedback inhibition. Thus, claims 19 and 29 in their present form are regarded as **not inventive** (Art.33(3)PCT).

The same applies for the even more general claims 1 and 10 as well as dependent

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claims 2, 7-9, 11, 16-18, 20, 25-28, 30, 35-38. The use of a mutant enzyme or the selection of host plants are not considered as special technical features that could be regarded as establishing a contribution over the prior art, i.e. an inventive concept.

3. The vector of claim 39 is merely characterized by a result to be achieved. The only characterizing feature of this vector is the DNA encoding a G-3-P dehydrogenase. Such a vector is suggested in D1 and D2.

Consequently, claim 39 is **not inventive (Art. 33(3) PCT)**.

4. For the the successful use of the specific sequences of SEQ ID NO:1,2 cloned in the present application, novelty and inventive activity can be acknowledged.

Section VIII (clarity, Art. 6 PCT)

5. The term "gpsA2FR" used in some of the claims does not readily define the claimed subject-matter. It was read, however, in the sense of the application as a synonym for the glycerol-3-phosphate encoding sequences of SEQ ID NO:1 and 2.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 45419-pt	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/CA 00/01096	International filing date (day/month/year) 21/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 22/09/1999
Applicant		
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

as suggested by the applicant.

because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N15/82 C12N15/53 A01H5/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C12N A01H

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 95 06733 A (MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT ;SCHELL JOZEF (DE); HAUSMANN LUEDGER (DE);) 9 March 1995 (1995-03-09)	1-3, 7-12, 16-21, 25-28, 39
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Y	GEE ROBERT ET AL: "Two isoforms of dihydroxyacetone phosphate reductase from the chloroplasts of Dunaliella tertiolecta." PLANT PHYSIOLOGY (ROCKVILLE), vol. 103, no. 1, 1993, pages 243-249, XP002154757 ISSN: 0032-0889 page 249, left-hand column --- -/-	29-31, 35-38

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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8 December 2000

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22/12/2000

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	HAUSMANN L ET AL: "CLONING OF A CDNA CODING FOR A GLYCEROL-3-PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE FROM CUPHEA LANCEOLATA" PLANT LIPID METABOLISM, XX, XX, 1995, pages 534-536, XP000949817 the whole document ---	39
A	WO 99 28480 A (GENECOR INTERNATIONAL INC ;DU PONT (US); NAIR RAMESH V (US); PAYNE) 10 June 1999 (1999-06-10) the whole document ---	1-39
A	CLARK D ET AL: "REGULATION OF PHOSPHO LIPID BIOSYNTHESIS IN ESCHERICHIA-COLI CLONING OF THE STRUCTURAL GENE FOR THE BIOSYNTHETIC SN GLYCEROL 3 PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE EC-1.1.1.8" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 255, no. 2, 1980, pages 714-717, XP002154728 ISSN: 0021-9258 the whole document ---	1-39
A	EDGAR J R ET AL: "BIOSYNTHESIS IN ESCHERICHIA-COLI OF SN GLYCEROL 3 PHOSPHATE A PRECURSOR OF PHOSPHO LIPID PURIFICATION AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF WILD TYPE AND FEEDBACK RESISTANT FORMS OF THE BIOSYNTHETIC SN GLYCEROL 3 PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE EC-1.1.1.8" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 253, no. 18, 1978, pages 6348-6353, XP002154729 EN ISSN: 0021-9258 the whole document ---	1-39
A	LARSSON K ET AL: "A GENE ENCODING SN-GLYCEROL 3-PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE (NAD+) COMPLEMENTS AN OSMOSENSITIVE MUTANT OF SACCHAROMYCES CEREVISIAE" MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY, GB, BLACKWELL SCIENTIFIC, OXFORD, vol. 10, no. 5, 1993, pages 1101-1111, XP000562759 ISSN: 0950-382X the whole document ---	29-38
A	WO 96 38573 A (CANADA NAT RES COUNCIL ;ZOU JITAO (CA); TAYLOR DAVID C (CA); KATAV) 5 December 1996 (1996-12-05) the whole document ---	19-28

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 843 007 A (KIRIN BREWERY) 20 May 1998 (1998-05-20) page 12 ---	19-38
A	WO 92 13082 A (KIRIN BREWERY) 6 August 1992 (1992-08-06) the whole document -----	19-38

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

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WO 9506733	A 09-03-1995	AU 680551 B AU 7693894 A CA 2170611 A EP 0716699 A US 6103520 A		31-07-1997 22-03-1995 09-03-1995 19-06-1996 15-08-2000
WO 9928480	A 10-06-1999	AU 1619199 A BR 9815361 A EP 1034278 A		16-06-1999 21-11-2000 13-09-2000
WO 9638573	A 05-12-1996	AU 706507 B AU 5807196 A BR 9608693 A CA 2224470 A EP 0832262 A JP 11506323 T PL 323784 A US 6051755 A		17-06-1999 18-12-1996 07-12-1999 05-12-1996 01-04-1998 08-06-1999 27-04-1998 18-04-2000
EP 0843007	A 20-05-1998	AU 706899 B AU 6318296 A CA 2227864 A CN 1196085 A WO 9705246 A		01-07-1999 26-02-1997 13-02-1997 14-10-1998 13-02-1997
WO 9213082	A 06-08-1992	AU 1163392 A CA 2100674 A DE 69207749 D DE 69207749 T DK 567648 T EP 0567648 A ES 2083732 T JP 6504439 T US 5516667 A KR 191015 B		27-08-1992 17-07-1992 29-02-1996 13-06-1996 04-03-1996 03-11-1993 16-04-1996 26-05-1994 14-05-1996 15-06-1999

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
(PCT Rule 61.2)

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 15 June 2001 (15.06.01)		To: Commissioner US Department of Commerce United States Patent and Trademark Office, PCT 2011 South Clark Place Room CP2/5C24 Arlington, VA 22202 ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE in its capacity as elected Office
International application No. PCT/CA00/01096	Applicant's or agent's file reference 45419-PT	
International filing date (day/month/year) 21 September 2000 (21.09.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 22 September 1999 (22.09.99)	
Applicant ZOU, Jitao et al		

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
20 April 2001 (20.04.01)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)	22/12/2000
Applicant's or agent's file reference 45419-pt		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below	
International application No. PCT/CA 00/01096	International filing date (day/month/year)	21/09/2000	
Applicant			
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

- the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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Published:

— With international search report.
— With (an) indication(s) in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13bis separately from the description.

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.



WO 01/21820 A1

(54) Title: TRANSGENIC MANIPULATION OF SN-GLYCEROL-3-PHOSPHATE AND GLYCEROL PRODUCTION WITH A FEEDBACK DEFECTIVE GLYCEROL-3-PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE GENE

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method for genetically transforming a plant so that it expresses a glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase that is feed-back defective. The feed-back defective enzyme raises levels of glycerol and glycerol-3-phosphate in comparison to the wild type, leading to increased osmotic stress tolerance, and altered fatty acid content in glycerolipids.

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0-1	Form - PCT/RO/134 (EASY) Indications Relating to Deposited Microorganism(s) or Other Biological Material (PCT Rule 13bis) Prepared using	PCT-EASY Version 2.91 (updated 01.07.2000)
0-2	International Application No.	EP / 00 / 01096
0-3	Applicant's or agent's file reference	45419-PT
1	The indications made below relate to the deposited microorganism(s) or other biological material referred to in the description on:	
1-1	page	10
1-2	line	27
1-3	Identification of Deposit	
1-3-1	Name of depositary institution	American Type Culture Collection
1-3-2	Address of depositary institution	10801 University Blvd., Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 United States of America
1-3-3	Date of deposit	31 August 2000 (31.08.2000)
1-3-4	Accession Number	ATCC 2433
1-4	Additional Indications	
1-5	Designated States for Which Indications are Made	
1-6	Separate Furnishing of Indications These indications will be submitted to the International Bureau later	

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 7 C12N15/82 C12N15/53 A01H5/00		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC 7 C12N A01H		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, WPI Data		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 95 06733 A (MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT ;SCHELL JOZEF (DE); HAUSMANN LUEDGER (DE);) 9 March 1995 (1995-03-09)	1-3, 7-12, 16-21, 25-28, 39 29-31, 35-38
Y	the whole document ---	29-31, 35-38
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